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In re the Application of: **HARA, Kouichiro**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2004 (Paper No.042304), entry of the following remarks, reconsideration, and further examination are respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.